

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Timothy J. Callanan, District No. 2

A **meeting** of the Committee on Community Services, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, May 9, 2011**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:42 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member D. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Supervisor Daniel W. Davis; Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney; Ms. Elizabeth Cannon, Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Catherine R. Windham, Acting Clerk of County Council.

ALSO PRESENT: Council Member Phillip Farley, District No. 1, ex officio; Council Member Jack Schurlknight, District No. 6, ex officio; Council Member Steve Davis, District No. 8, ex officio.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Callanan: "I'd like to call the Community Services meeting to order. First item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from April 11, 2011."

Committee Member C. Davis: "So move"

Chairman Callanan: "I have a motion. Do I have a second?"

Committee Member Fish: "Second"

Chairman Callanan: "I have a motion and a second. Are there any corrections to these minutes? (No Response) With no corrections, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) The minutes stand approved as presented."

It was moved by Committee Member C. Davis and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Callanan: "First on the agenda is Mr. Baird Sanders, President of the Florence Crittenton Program of South Carolina regarding a grant request. Mr. Sanders? (referring to the video...Are we...technical issues?) Ok."

A. Mr. Baird Sanders, President, Florence Crittenton Program of South Carolina, Re: Grant Request.

Mr. Sanders: (Presentation of a video on the Florence Crittenton Program)

Chairman Callanan: "Thank you for that presentation Mr. Sanders if you just want to add something about the grant and then if folks just want to ask questions that'll be great."

Mr. Sanders: "Thank you Chairman and Council Members for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the Florence Crittenton Programs. The video kind of speaks for itself; this place is real close to my heart. I really probably don't know where I'd be today. However, as for the grant request...Our program provides education, counseling services, medical care, social support and a safe home for young, unmarried, pregnant and parenting moms in there need. As with other 501 C3 nonprofit organizations, the current economic downturn has been very difficult. Expenses have remained stable or increased while donations have decreased. Especially these last two years have been our hardest. Although the organization has been in operation in South Carolina for 114 years it finds itself in a particular financial position at this time. A review of our records indicates that between 10 and 15% of the clients who we serve in and out, in and year out have been citizens of Berkeley County. Yet we do not have any records of contributions or grant monies from the County. I request on behalf of the organization any possible grants or donations, I would ask that you could do what you could as a Council member but also please share our word outside of your Council. I have a pamphlet for each one of ya'll on some items we've got going on. The month of May is adopt-a-mom program. On June 4, I am swimming around Key West. It's a 12½ mile swim; I'm doing the swim myself. It's going to take me about 6 hours but I'm asking people to donate towards this swim for the money to go to the Florence Crittenton Program. That's all I have, if there's ways we can..."

Chairman Callanan: "Mr. Sanders let me start by saying this, God bless you and God bless your organization, and God bless the women who make the decision to choose life."

Mr. Sanders: "Absolutely."

Chairman Callanan: "And the....it's critical and I don't know what we can do as a government but I can tell you what I can do as an individual. I am beyond this, I am a....I chair some organizations that are some very strong supporters of the pro-life position and I think this is a situation where those folks need to put their money where their mouth is and I would be happy to have you present and be the lead speaker at any of that, including organizing a fund raiser on your behalf."

Mr. Sanders: "Thank you. We have Summerville Rotary I'm meeting with next week for their luncheon and would love any opportunities."

Chairman Callanan: "I would hope I would be able to do something maybe in the Tri-County area and make it a little bit larger so....but that's just my commitment as an

individual and you know I just can't thank you enough for what you and your organization does."

Council Member S. Davis: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Callanan: "Yes?"

Council Member S. Davis: "I will donate \$250 and I challenge all other members to match my donation of \$250. Thank you."

Mr. Sanders: "Thank you sir."

Council Member Schurlknight: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Callanan: "Yes, Mr. Schurlknight?"

Council Member Schurlknight: "Mr. Sanders I just wanted to let you know that this is a very worthwhile cause and I've seen it firsthand. I've had the opportunity..."

Mr. Sanders: "I'm living it right now, yes sir."

Council Member Schurlknight: "Yeah exactly....had the opportunity about ten or fifteen years ago to work with United Way through the loan executive program and part of my duties with United Way was to go out and solicit funds and fund raisers and those types of things. Florence Crittenton was one of the areas where I had a chance to go out and visit and talk with the young ladies there and to see firsthand exactly the positive things it made on those young ladies lives and also setting the tone for the children for their lives. I was just going to tell you I fully believe in it on the pro-life side of it and I thank you for coming tonight to give us that presentation. Thank you very much."

Mr. Sanders: "Yes sir. Any questions?"

Committee Member Call: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Callanan: "Mr. Call?"

Committee Member Call: "I'd like to echo Mr. Callanan and Mr. Schurlknight's comments. People ask me whether I'm pro-choice or pro-life. I tell them I'm pro-choice and I choose life, but you do a wonderful work and you richly deserve God's blessings for what you do. Most of the people that I know that are adopted have brought nothing but joy into the families that have adopted them. I was...I can say that a vast majority, very few, have brought any heartache to their adoptive family and I wish you well. I don't exactly what your request is and I don't know that's something that we as a Council can address..."

Mr. Sanders: "I'm sure there is."

Committee Member Call: "But I certainly think we can...."

Mr. Sanders: "Investigate."

Committee Member Call: "Join with the other Councilmen as Mr. Callanan has suggested. Mr. Schurlknight supports something that will bring some funding into your organization. Thank you for this presentation. It was great. I appreciate it and just hit kind of close to home. My sister has two adopted children, who was not able to have children, so I understand that issue very well and what you do....What your people do, what your clients do is provide happiness into homes that would never have that happiness any other way and that's raising children. I've had four and that's the other side of it. You provide a service to these young ladies but you also bring a lot of happiness into a lot of families that otherwise wouldn't have a chance, so thank you very much."

Mr. Sanders: "I fully understand what you're talking about."

Chairman Callanan: "Ok. Is there any other questions? Thank you so much for your presentation sir."

Mr. Sanders: "Thank y'all."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Thank you."

Chairman Callanan: "Next on the agenda is Mr. Frank Carson regarding a right of way easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative - Airfield Pump Station Electrical Service Line."

B. Mr. Frank Carson, PE: County Engineer, Re: Right of Way Easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative - Airfield Pump Station Electrical Service Line.

Mr. Carson: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is a...this is a fairly simple matter we have to grant an easement to Berkeley Electric Co-op for the service line to the drainage pumps that were installed as part of the airfield drainage project and we learned that because that deals with a property right it has to be done through an ordinance of County Council."

Committee Member Pinckney: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Fish: "Second"

Chairman T. Callanan: "We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? (No Response) All those in favor signify by saying Aye? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve the Right of Way Easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative – Airfield Pump Station Electrical Service Line.** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Callanan: "Next on the agenda is.."

- C. **Consideration** prior to **First Reading** of an **ordinance** approving and authorizing the grant of a **utility easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative** on a portion of County property known as the **Berkeley County Airport.**

Mr. Carson: "Same issue."

Committee Member Pinckney: "Move for approval."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Second"

Chairman T. Callanan: "We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?"

Committee Member Call: "Mr. Chairman? I'm sorry."

Chairman Callanan: "Who's requesting?"

Committee Member Call: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Callanan: "Mr. Call go ahead."

Committee Member Call: "I'm sorry. Is that related to item B?"

Mr. Carson: "Yeah, new ordinance."

Committee Member Call: "Ok thank you."

Chairman Callanan: "With no....Is there any further discussion? With no further discussion, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **approve** prior to **First Reading** of an **ordinance** approving and authorizing the grant of a **utility easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative** on a portion of County property known as the **Berkeley County Airport.** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Callanan: "Last on the agenda is..."

D. Ms. Donna Osborne, Berkeley County Library Director, Re: Grant proposal for the Mobile Literacy Library.

Ms. Osborne: "Good evening members of Council. Thank you for this opportunity. This is the second grant that we are working on. This is a federal grant through the state library for \$50,000. It will complete the funding of the Mobile Literacy Library. We have still an outstanding grant with Google, no answer yet. I've asked for an update and then the Friends of the Berkeley County Library System have committed \$12,000 and they're doing a fundraising right now with matching of up to \$10,000. So...."

Chairman Callanan: "Ok."

Committee Member Pinckney: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Fish: "Second"

Chairman Callanan: "I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? (No Response) With no further discussion, all those in favor signify by saying Aye? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries. Thank you."

Ms. Osborne: "Thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** a Grant proposal for the Mobile Literacy Library. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Callanan: "I'd entertain a motion to adjourn."

Committee Member Fish: "So move."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Second"

Chairman Callanan: "We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying Aye? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **adjourn** the Community Service meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7:57 pm.

June 13, 2011

Date Approved

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Mr. Steve C. Davis, District No. 8, ex officio
Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday, May 9, 2011, at 6:04 p.m.**, following other scheduled committee meetings in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2011

- A. Mr. Baird Sanders, President, Florence Crittenton Program of South Carolina, Re:** Grant Request.
- B. Mr. Frank Carson, PE: County Engineer, Re:** Right of Way Easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative - Airfield Pump Station Electrical Service Line.
- C. Consideration prior to First Reading of an ordinance** approving and authorizing the grant of a **utility easement to Berkeley Electric Cooperative** on a portion of County property known as the **Berkeley County Airport**.
- D. Ms. Donna Osborne, Berkeley County Library Director, Re:** Grant proposal for the Mobile Literacy Library.

May 4, 2011
S/Catherine R. Windham
Acting Clerk of County Council